GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA

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PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS REGULATORY BOARD
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Petroleum and Natural Gas Regulatory Board has directed all companies for laying pipelines and city gas distribution new work with the approval from the Government;

(b) if so, the details in this regard;

(c) the name of the companies found violating the Government norms/guidelines in this regard; and

(d) the details of the penalties so far imposed on various companies found violating such norms during 2006-07 and 2007-08?

Answer

MINISTER OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI MURLI DEORA)

(a) to (c): The Petroleum & Natural Gas Regulatory Board has issued a press note directing that any entity which is laying, building, operating or expanding or which proposes to lay, build, operate or expand a pipeline as a common carrier or contract carrier or city or local natural gas distribution network shall apply in writing to the Board for obtaining an authorization under the Petroleum & Natural Gas Regulatory Board Act, 2006. However, an entity authorized by the Government of India at any time before the appointed day for these activities shall furnish the particulars of such activities to the Board within 6 months from the appointed day. No Company is reported to have violated the norms/guidelines in this regard.

(d): No penalty has so far been imposed by the Board.